## House File 627 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 627 BY BRINK

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## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the publication duties of and the filling
- of vacancies on county agricultural extension councils and
- 3 including effective date and applicability provisions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 176A.8, subsections 9 and 14, Code 2019,
- 2 are amended to read as follows:
- 3 9. To fill all vacancies in its membership to serve for the
- 4 unexpired term of the member creating the vacancy by appointing
- 5 a resident registered voter of the extension district.
- 6 However, if an unexpired term in which the vacancy occurs
- 7 has more than seventy days to run after the date of the next
- 8 pending general election and the vacancy occurs seventy-four or
- 9 more days before the election, the vacancy shall be filled at
- 10 the next pending general election.
- 11 14. To file with the county auditor and to publish in
- 12 two newspapers of general circulation in the district before
- 13 August September 1 full and detailed reports under oath of all
- 14 receipts, from whatever source derived, and expenditures of
- 15 such county agricultural extension education fund showing from
- 16 whom received, to whom paid and for what purpose for the last
- 17 fiscal year.
- 18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
- 19 importance, takes effect upon enactment.
- 20 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. The provision of this Act amending
- 21 section 176.8, subsection 9, applies to all vacancies occurring
- 22 on or after the effective date of this Act.
- 23 EXPLANATION
- 24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
- 25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 26 This bill relates to the duties of county agricultural
- 27 extension councils. Current law requires a county agricultural
- 28 extension council to fill a vacancy that occurs during a term
- 29 of office by an election if the term in which the vacancy
- 30 occurs has more than 70 days left after the next pending
- 31 election and the vacancy occurs at least 74 days before the
- 32 next pending election. The bill provides that a vacancy must
- 33 be filled by an election only if the term in which the vacancy
- 34 occurs has more than 70 days left after the next general
- 35 election and occurs at least 74 days before the next general

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- 1 election. The bill also moves the deadline for submitting
- 2 annual financial reports from August 1 to September 1. The
- 3 bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to all vacancies
- 4 occurring on or after enactment.